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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 is the patent application of:

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FOR: Stent And Method Of Manufacturing Such Stent

Enclosed are:

- Six (6) Sheets of drawings.
- An Assignment of the invention to: Mani, Inc.
- A certified copy of the Japanese priority application No. 2000-231267 filed July 31, 2000.
- An associate power of attorney.
- This entity qualifies for small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.9 and 1.27.
- A Preliminary Amendment.
- A Notice of Informal Filing of New Patent Application.

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Sir:

The undersigned has been authorized by the Applicants, Masaaki MATSUTANI, Masatoshi FUKUDA and Shoichi FUKUDA, to file the enclosed patent application, and to defer filing of the Declaration/Power of Attorney.

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